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EVANSTON REPORTS

The Mid-Winter Meetings of the Directors of the Home and Foreign Boards, and of the Missions Council, held in Evanston, revealed substantial progress in our denominational enterprise during the past year, and an unshakeable faith for the future. While the gain in missionary receipts had been slight, there had been a clarifying of responsibility between the Boards and the Missions Council which prepares for more effective education among the churches in the future.

For the past few years, in order to stem the ebbing tides of giving, a larger amount has been spent in promotional work than can ordinarily be justified. This year a radical reduction has been made, totaling for the two boards and the Missions Council about $30,000, the aim being to bring promotion expenses down to less than 10% of moneys received. Those who for many years have been working for and talking for unity in promotion, were cheered by the action of the Home Board in expressing its readiness to turn over all educational and promotional work to a common agency. The matter is under study by the Cabinet.

Executive Vice President Fred Field Goodsell for the American Board reported that in Angola in ten years the church membership had increased from 4,000 to 12,000, and the Sunday school enrollment from 2,000 to 17,000; that catechumen classes now include 10,800 members. In Mindanao, the number of churches has doubled in five years, and during the past year the membership of those churches has increased 20%. The Zulu churches in South Africa have their own missionary project in the north, and doubled their giving for the purpose in one year. A newspaper reporter was quoted as saying that Dr. Walter Judd, engaged in medical work in China, "refuses to evacuate come hell or high water. He is a hard-boiled saint." "All of the work that we are trying to do," said Dr. Goodsell, "is sowing seed in the furrow of human need."

President Edward W. Cross of the Home Board declared that there had been a gain of 900% in college grade students in the A. M. A. colleges in ten years. In commenting upon the success of the Christmas Fund, he pointed out that that fund is double the amount that comes to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief through the apportionment. Dr. Cross' speech was an eloquent plea that we might present a common front of loyalty.

At the banquet, Secretary Charles E. Burton who is to retire at the time of the Beloit meeting of the General Council, spoke appreciatively and told of the record of four State Superintendents who are to lay down their duties during the coming year, namely, Rev. Lucian J. Marsh of Texas and Oklahoma, Rev. Charles F. McKinley of Rhode Island, Rev. W. A. Tyler of Nebraska, and Rev. P. A. Johnson of Iowa.

Promotion plans for the year include fewer pieces, but a better quality of literature. Close cooperation with State Conferences will be maintained in laymen's institutes or retreats, pastors' convocations, and church officer visitations.

Instead of the project method which has largely fallen into discard in many churches and conferences, a new plan of pledged work has been devised so that churches desiring to have a direct interest in some particular field or missionary may be given the opportunity.

STEADILY ON THE WAY UP

Steadily on the way up! For the second successive year Northern California is able to report an advance in its benevolence giving. The goal adopted by the Conference in October, 1936, was not reached but the gain made was significant.

In the report that is set forth herewith it must be remembered that the totals are of money remitted **through the Conference treasury.** The gifts sent directly to the offices of the American and Home Boards are not accurately known at this writing.

For the Home Boards, including the Council for Social Action **$6,353.98**
(This is a gain of $320.23 over 1936)

For the American Board (Foreign Missions) **8,435.83**
(This is a gain of $683.32 over 1936)

For our State Ministers' Relief Society **1,075.56**
(This is a loss of $39.59 as against 1936, due to fewer and smaller special offerings)

For our State Conference and Home Missions **18,433.66**
(This is a gain of $914.41 in comparison with 1936)

Total for State, Home, and Foreign Work **$34,299.03**
(This is a total gain of $1,878.37 over 1936)

Preliminary compilations made by the Missions Council for the Midwinter Meeting at Evanston indicate that receipts from Northern California, including remittances which were sent direct to the eastern offices of the Boards, amount to $36,206.00, a gain of $2,289.00 or 6.7%. These figures are subject to correction and it will be our effort to publish complete totals in the March issue.

For the country as a whole the gain of benevolence giving from the Congregational churches was $17,443.00 or 1.28%. Thus, again has Northern California scored in making a better showing than the average throughout the country.

A number of states made a larger percentage of increase, particularly those states where the total amount of money raised is very small, but Northern California stands fifth among the states in the actual number of dollars of increase.

Our congratulations go to our sister conference in Southern California, whose increase of giving was one-tenth of 1% greater than our own.

It will be remembered that a year ago our gain was $702.94, so that in two years there has been a step up of $2,581.00, but the total raised is a long way from $58,000.00, which was once Northern California's offering. This does not at all detract from the gratitude which Conference and Boards feel toward the churches and the sincere appreciation of the cooperation of pastors, treasurers, and all interested Christian friends.

LAYMEN TO MEET

The San Francisco Bay Laymen's Fellowship is planning a second meeting and dinner for the present season, which will be held Thursday, March 10 at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Price per plate will be fifty cents. An ambassador in each church will promote attendance and look after ticket sales. The theme for the evening's discussion will be "The Layman's Place in the Spiritual Program of the Church," and will be under the leadership of Professor C. A. Kofoid, layman and noted educator. It is hoped that two young men who attended a religious conference in Ohio will report at that meeting. Arrangements are being made by a committee with Mr. C. T. Tinker as chairman.

MUIR CENTENNIAL

On April 21 the centennial of the birth of John Muir will be celebrated. It is suggested that recognition be given by clubs, churches, and schools. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are publishing a book by Mrs. R. N. Wolfe of Berkeley containing interesting extracts from John Muir's journals. It will be remembered that our beloved William Frederick Bade was the literary executor of John Muir, bringing out his "Life and Letters."

ALCOHOL COMMISSION

At the last meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference a commission to study the liquor problem and to stimulate cooperation of our churches with the Anti-Saloon League, was authorized. The commission consists of : Gail Cleland, chairman, Herman F. Swartz, George S. Martin, C. R. Van Buskirk, Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Noel J. Breed, David H. Gill, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Sidney H. Buckham, and Norman W. Pendleton.

The following program has been approved:

1. That the Commission send a letter to all Congregational ministers and Churches in Northern California; (a) outlining the policy and recommendations of the Commission; (b) suggesting that the Churches open their pulpits to a presentation of the Anti-Saloon League program; (c) recommending "The California Liberator;" (d) urging study of the liquor problem in Sunday School and study groups.

2. Inviting correspondence and constructive suggestions.

3. That the Women's Federation of Congregational Churches be requested to provide for a discussion of the liquor problem at their semi-annual gathering.

4. That the columns of The Pacific be used as a method of informing the Church membership.

5. That the officers of the National Council be memorialized to provide a place on the program of the next National gathering for consideration of the liquor problem and the duty of the Church toward it.

EARL LECTURES

The subjects of the three Earl Lectures that are to be given by the Secretary of Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, have been announced. On February 22 he will speak on "Capitalism," on February 23 on "Democracy," and on February 24 "Religion of the Whole Man." He will also speak at 2:30 on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 23rd, to the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference which will be in session at that time.

Announcement of other speakers was made in the January issue of The Pacific, and they include Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach, Mr. Kenyon J. Scudder of Los Angeles Rev. Charles Gilkey of the University of Chicago, Rev. E. A. Fridell, Prof. C. C. McCown, Prof. James Muilenburg, Prof. John Wright Buckham, Prof. George Tolson, and President Herman F. Swartz. The devotional services will be led by Bishop James C. Baker, Bishop Edward Lambe Parsons, and Supt. Harley H. Gill.

The Earl Lectures will be delivered in the First Congregational Church and the Pastoral Conference will be held in the University Christian Church. Entertainment for out of town ministers will be provided if application is made to the Pacific School of Religion.

Congregational pastors will gather for their annual luncheon on Wednesday noon in the University Christian Church for fellowship, special announcements, and consideration of common problems.

NEWS FROM CHINA

On January 29, the American Board received a message from Peiping, indicating that Helen Dizney and Alma Locke Cooke have returned to Tehchow. On January 21, the U. S. embassy at Peiping, reported that Leonard Wilbur, his wife and family, are safe and well, and that there are adequate supplies of food and fuel.

Charles Riggs of Nanking has been on the front page in the last few days, along with John M. Allison, "The Consul who was slapped." A member of the staff of the Japanese Embassy told the Consul that he was placing too much confidence in the statements of American missionaries. Mr. Riggs and Mr. M. S. Bates and the Consul attempted to establish the facts beyond dispute in a few instances; and it led into the slapping incident. If you have not read it, look up the complete story, cabled by Mr. Allison to the United States State Department and published in the New York Times for Saturday, January 29. Mr. Riggs backed up a Chinese woman, to the extent of going with her to substantiate facts; and Consul Allison backed up his fellow-American by going with the party.

1938 HANDBOOK

A limited supply of 1938 Handbooks is available at the Conference office. This book, which has valuable information regarding denominational affairs together with an outline of daily Bible readings prayer meeting topics, Christian Endeavor topics, Christian Life topics, and a directory of national and state offices, can be secured for $3 per 100 copies, 5c for a single copy.

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THANK OFFERING

While Thank Offerings are not credited to the churches on their apportionments, The Pacific is happy to show where credit is due and to print herewith the list of churches making Thank Offerings during the past two years.

At the beginning of the year the Federation of Congregational Women set a goal of $1,300, 25% of which would go to the support of the Wilburs in China, the remaining 75% being used for Home Missionary work in Northern California, including the salary of our missionary in Trinity County and the children's project in the Mission District of San Francisco. It is a source of great satisfaction that the goal of $1,300 was exceeded, the total being $1,347.52. This total appears in the "miscellaneous" item at the bottom of the church by church list of giving in another column. The gratitude of the Conference and the American Board and of the individuals and fields particularly concerned goes to all of the churches and individuals who participated in this splendid and successful undertaking.

CHURCH	1937	1936
Alameda	$ 64.84	$ 50.00
Antioch	8.17	
Auburn	21.90	
Benicia	15.50	22.90
Berkeley, First	91.33	94.56
North	43.05	41.72
Campbell	10.00	10.00
Cloverdale	15.50	
Cotati	7.00	10.00
Eureka	47.00	43.58
Ferndale	23.59	4.40
Fresno, First	45.45	40.00
Hayward	25.00	25.00
Kenwood	4.65	
Lodi, First	56.65	26.36
Loomis		6.50
Martinez	16.29	
Murphy	5.00	7.50
Oakland, Bethany	5.00	5.00
First	175.06	153.40
Fruitvale	5.00	6.75
Pilgrim	18.00	7.00
Plymouth	25.00	13.62
Oroville		10.37
Pacific Grove	29.75	21.00
Palo Alto	87.79	90.19
Paradise	7.00	10.75
Petaluma	44.50	50.09
Pittsburg	31.00	33.35
Redwood City	24.00	19.50
Ripon	19.00	7.10
Sacramento	25.08	14.30
Salida		3.05
San Francisco—		
Bethany Msn. Park	20.00	48.35
Calvary		1.00
First	100.00	100.00
San Jose	41.50	25.00
San Leandro	10.25	9.36
San Mateo	50.00	55.00
Santa Cruz	46.90	42.58
Saratoga		17.35
Sebastopol	20.07	17.11
Sonoma	7.15	6.50
Stockton	35.00	31.85
Sunnyvale	8.20	13.51
Tulare	11.35	15.00
Special Gift		2.00
	$1,347.52	$1,202.60

DRY MASS MEETING

A great Dry mass meeting is being planned for Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, to be held Thursday, February 17, at 7:30 in the evening. Rev. Roy L. Smith, D.D.L.L.D., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, is to be the speaker.

STORY OF 1937

With 52 churches making a gain in 1937 over their giving in 1936 and with 24 churches reaching the goals adopted, Northern California is able to make the splendid report of a gain of $1,878.37 for the entire Conference. The distribution of this giving, showing the gains for the different objects, is shown in another column. Below appears the list of churches with the totals coming through the Conference treasury. The churches that made a gain are shown in black-face type and the churches that reached the goals which they adopted are indicated by asterisks. It must be borne in mind that only about one-third of our churches report the adoption of goals. Thank Offerings are included in the "miscellaneous" item and are not credited to the churches on apportionment. Contributions to the religious work at the University of California and to the special deficit fund last spring wherever donors requested were credited to the churches. These figures do not include gifts sent directly to the eastern Boards. Such contributions will appear in the totals published in the Year Book next summer.

CHURCH	1937	1936
Adin	$ 108.60	$ 122.54
Alameda	712.97	600.00
Alturas	55.71	42.49
*Angels Camp	125.00	100.00
Antioch	60.00	45.20
*Auburn	60.00	50.00
Benicia	20.00	55.00
Berkeley, Chinese	25.00	
* First	6,939.30	7,117.50
Kensington	10.00	
North	489.99	644.29
Park	103.11	80.71
*Campbell	300.00	300.00
Ceres		113.41
*Cloverdale	92.25	73.76
Cotati	40.19	67.41
Crockett	95.08	53.63
Etna	11.00	12.00
Eureka	405.06	337.25
Fairfax	23.05	25.00
*Ferndale	308.20	320.54
Fowler		12.00
Fresno, First	965.50	740.99
Free Cross	10.00	
* Japanese	10.00	10.00
Pilgrim	159.00	135.00
Third German	50.00	50.00
Zion	50.00	30.00
Glen Ellen		2.27
Grass Valley		15.00
Guerneville	9.75	
Hayfork		5.85
*Hayward	199.50	158.50
Kenwood	60.98	60.22
Lewiston	2.75	1.50
Likely		12.95
Lockeford		2.50
*Lodi, First	1,214.00	913.23
*Loomis	72.00	45.00
*Martinez	375.00	286.36
Murphy	50.00	46.00
Niles	5.00	10.00
Oakland, Bethany	40.00	37.00
First	5,423.91	4,879.34
Fruitvale	37.50	32.00
Japanese	5.00	5.00
Pilgrim	67.41	32.15
Plymouth	795.57	804.12
Oroville	194.70	182.00
Pacific Grove	418.65	462.03
*Palo Alto	1,925.00	1,525.00
Paradise	161.23	151.71
Parlier	10.00	
Penngrove	4.65	5.52
Pescadero		2.00
*Petaluma	781.34	665.11
Pittsburg	158.60	122.88
Port Chicago	2.00	6.00
*Porterville	150.00	150.00
*Redwood City	755.00	750.00
Reedley, Finnish		30.00
Rio Vista	75.59	
*Ripon	152.18	143.98
Sacramento	610.25	643.29
*Salida	50.00	19.95
San Carlos	61.00	50.00
*San Francisco—		
Bethany Msn. Park	408.55	475.33
Calvary	10.00	
Chinese	20.37	20.00
First	1,710.33	1,584.99
* Ocean View	55.00	50.00
Richmond	116.00	43.53
San Jose	722.00	707.00
San Leandro	110.73	97.85
*San Mateo	310.00	250.00
San Rafael	40.00	20.00
Santa Cruz	797.00	830.00
Santa Rosa	197.94	199.60
Saratoga	567.21	503.66
*Sebastopol	244.01	271.23
Sonoma	82.90	85.94
*Soquel	100.00	100.00
Stockton	674.66	651.60
Suisun	60.09	76.13
Sunnyvale	37.31	54.94
Sunol	20.00	20.00
*Tulare	375.00	359.80
*Weaverville	147.10	116.94
Woodside	17.00	33.86
Reno, Nevada	450.66	444.45
Miscellaneous, including thank offering	1,927.51	2,026.63
Total	$34,299.03	$32,420.66

NEWS FROM BLAKES

Rev. Everett Blake, who with his wife, represents the First Congregational Church of Berkeley at Merzifon, Turkey, writes that in spite of never-ceasing financial cuts, "the enrollment of our schools increases, our clinics and hospital are crowded, adverse criticism in the press of a few years ago is nil these days and we have a sense of having achieved a position of strength. The government is actually sending 50 boys to our Talas Trades school this year. Turkey continues her phenomenal regeneration. Her network of railways is almost complete. Every few months a new giant factory for the production of basic commodities is opened. She has made treaties of friendship and non-aggression with most of her neighbors. If a general European war can only be averted, a few more years will see a modern industrial nation where a decade ago existed a shambles.

MRS. FLORENCE A. DEXTER

Mrs. Florence A. Dexter, pioneer in Congregational service in California, passed away in Berkeley on January 13 at the age of 89. Seventy-five years ago she came to the Coast from Ohio and became a teacher. She married Rev. Granville Mears Dexter shortly after his graduation from Pacific Theological Seminary. During his first pastorate, in Saratoga, they were appointed as missionaries to Japan. It was a long and perilous journey, and conditions in the island empire were truly primitive. They returned after two years because of reasons of health, and then began a long and devoted work in California pastorates. Mr. Dexter retired 36 years ago, and 12 years later passed away. All of these years Mrs. Dexter has been a member of the North Church in Berkeley. She was interested in every Christian enterprise, and her letters to the Conference office showed an unusual Christian experience and a beautiful power of expression. She leaves three daughters and three sons. Funeral services were held January 15 by her pastor, Rev. Pierson Parker. In 1934, **The Pacific** printed the following lines written by Mrs. Dexter, and repeats them now as a revelation of the beautiful character that was hers:

THANKFUL

Thankful for my **memory**
That enables me to find
Enjoyment in rich gems of thought
I've treasured in my mind.

Thankful for my **children,**
Of generations three,
Thankful for my **Church** and **friends,**
And all their good to me.

Thankful for privileges of **prayer,**
And the results I see;
Thankful, O My Blessed Lord,
That **Daily I have THEE.**

PERSONNEL IN CHINA

In 1938 our normal force of regular China missionaries would be 124. China workers in America or en route because of the war number 8! Of these 8, 7 are mothers with small children. No man missionary has returned because of the conflict. On regular furlough are 19. This leaves 97 at work some temporarily away from their regular stations, but serving just the same where they are needed.

MIDWINTER DELEGATES

Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, was in attendance at the Mid-Winter Meetings at Evanston, where she was a member of the executive committee of the State Women Presidents' Council. On her return to California, she is visiting a number of our Congregational projects including Le Moyne College in Memphis, Tougaloo College and Dillard University. She hopes also to see at first hand conditions among the share croppers in the south, and the Sherwood Eddy Cooperative Farm Project.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was in attendance at the Mid-Winter Meetings, including the Superintendents' Conference, the meeting of the Missions Council, and the Boards of Directors of our national societies. He delivered two addresses on the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences to the State Superintendents. Much time was devoted to contacting speakers for various schedules in our Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid were in attendance at the Mid-Winter Meetings in Evanston. Dr. Kofoid is a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, and he served as chairman of the business committee for the meeting of the Business Council.. On their return, they spent a day at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST

An attendance contest has been launched by the churches in Alameda, Fresno, and Stockton. The contest opened the latter part of January and will continue until Palm Sunday. Every person is to be counted, whether saints, back-sliders, or babies in arms. The score will be based upon percentage of increase over the average established by each church during 1937. Weekly reports will be posted in each church.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Dr. Willard L. Sperry, Dean of Harvard Divinity School, and one of the leaders of the Edinburgh Conference, is the author of the FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER for 1938. The general theme followed is: "The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God as Revealed in Jesus Christ." Many hundreds of thousands of copies are used each year not only in our denomination but in others. They may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, at 2c per copy. The readings begin with Ash Wednesday, which is March 2.

Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward is giving a series of Thursday noon discussions on readings from great books at Plymouth House, our student center in Berkeley. At present he is dealing with Pascal's philosophical writings, which are apropos to present day problems.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22-23-24—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 17—Easter Sunday.
June 15-22—General Council of Congregational Churches, Beloit, Wis.
July 17-22—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.
July 30 to August 6—Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 6-13—Young People's Conference, Lokoya.
October 11-12-13 — Annual meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, San Mateo.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORTERVILLE. 1937 was closed with all bills paid, with the exception of about $1000 remaining on the building repair and enlargement costs. A troublesome debt of some years' standing has been removed. The new budget provides for increases in benevolences and the salaries of organist, janitor, and minister. Thirty members had been received during the year, and 28 new members were received the last Sunday of January. The budget for the new year is practically subscribed and the Victory Committee is raising the building fund deficit. Two new organizations are showing great promise — the professional women's group meeting in the evening, and a new young married couples' group. The pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

TRINITY COUNTY. Active solicitation is going forward for new furnace and repairs to the building in Weaverville. All financial obligations for the year were cared for. Progress is still being made on the reconstruction of the Hayfork church, and plans have been made for raising the balance of the necessary funds. Rev. James D. Salmon reports that the condition of the roads makes travel well nigh impossible.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. New officers of the church and of the Ladies' Aid Society have been elected. Subscriptions for the coming year are encouraging. Attendance at mid-week cottage prayer meetings has risen from a mere handful to 23; every week more are added. A dinner was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick MacCallum, with about 200 people present, and various guests brought greetings.

SAN MATEO. The old basket ball court has been transformed into a lovely rose garden, with 384 rose bushes. The bushes themselves and the planting were gifts of interested members. Rev. Sidney Buckham is preaching a series of sermons on "Jesus and Pleasure," "Jesus and Fear," "Jesus and Tolerance," and "Jesus and Ambition."

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. The fiscal year of the united church is coming to a close, with all bills paid the first time in a number of years, and with upwards of $1000 paid on the bank mortgage. This is a notable achievement of the church under the leadership of Rev. G. F. Wortley, pastor.

FAIRFAX. On January 12, 160 people were present for the burning of the church mortgage, with speakers representing church and community. The Petaluma Fellowship of Youth was entertained on January 23. Rev. C. L. Mears reports that several new families have become interested.

SAN CARLOS. The year 1937 closed very well, with all obligations met, including payment on the Building Society debt and apportionment met in full. Rev. Alden A. Read is the pastor.

MRS. ROY CAMPBELL

Friends of Rev. Roy Campbell, pastor of our First Church in San Diego, will learn with sorrow of the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Campbell, on January 28, after a long illness.

LODI. The First Christian Church was filled to capacity for a union communion service of the three principal Protestant churches of the city. The Lodi church held its 65th annual meeting on January 14, with 175 persons present. Financial report showed all bills paid and money in the treasury. Twenty-nine new members had been received during the year. The missionary apportionment had been greatly increased, and additional missionary work had been done among migrants. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, spoke appreciatively of the splendid spirit of cooperation.

LOOMIS. After a period of seven months without pastoral leadership, during which time the church building has been completely rebuilt and improved, Rev. Edward P. Shier of Paradise has been called to the pastorate. Mr. Shier has been at Paradise for ten years, and leaves with the keen regret and great affection of the people. He has entered upon his duties at Loomis at once and both pastor and people are looking forward to a very fruitful and happy relationship.

ANTIOCH. The whole parsonage has been remodeled and forms a very attractive and adequate parish house. The platform in the church has been extended and the organ moved to the corner of the building. A young people's choir has been formed and furnishes music every two weeks, alternating with the adult choir. The budget for the coming year shows an increase over the past year. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

SOQUEL. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, was re-elected for the coming year at the annual meeting. With a total membership of 83, the average attendance at morning worship for the year was 44. Receipts and expenditures of approximately $900 left a small number of outstanding bills. The Christian Endeavor Society purchased a piano, and gained in membership.

GRASS VALLEY. The church is happy to report a fruitful year, both materially and spiritually. Special meetings resulted in a number of spiritual awakenings. Nineteen adults were received into membership, making a total of 28 during the year. Improvements in the interior of the building have been made, costing about $200. Rev. E. O. Chapel is pastor.

WOODSIDE. Rev. R. R. Shoemaker is succeeding in attracting attention and interest in the work of the church throughout the community. He has announced sermon subjects right through July. In February he will be speaking on "Parables" and in March on "The Lord's Prayer."

SAN FRANCISCO, CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. An active campaign for increasing membership has been going on during the winter weeks, which is resulting in a splendid increase. A welcoming dinner to the new members was served the first Wednesday of February.

PENNGROVE. Church attendance is increasing. The Pilgrim Fellowship is the most successful organization of the church, furnishing leaders for the Redwood Empire out of proportion to the size of the community.

CROCKETT. Mr. Warren A. Davis has completed 30 years of official connection with the Crockett church as deacon and trustee. In appreciation, the church publicly recognized the anniversary by presenting him with a Bible. The Congregational church property has been sold, but is still being used for worship. Plans are complete for the new structure which will house the federation of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, and it is hoped that construction will begin in the spring. Rev. R. W. Caughey is pastor.

TULARE. Pilgrim Fellowship Day was observed with young people in charge of the morning service. Three speakers took the place of the sermon and others assisted in the conduct of public worship.

The efforts of Field Secretary Sherman were greatly appreciated, in helping the church with the most successful financial canvass that has been had in years, showing an increase of more than $500 for current expenses and $100 for benevolences. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Two hundred members and friends were in attendance at the annual meeting where the treasurer reported the church "in the black." The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, presided. New officers were elected for the year. A total of 39 new members had been received during the year, with 13 dismissals and deaths, and the average Sunday morning attendance had been 261.

COTATI. At the annual meeting in January, splendid reports were made. All bills were paid and new officers elected. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, called a meeting of the Board of Directors at which goals were offered by all departments of the church, each one far beyond that of last year. Both the senior and junior choirs are vested, and participate regularly in morning worship.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt reports that average morning attendance in January was 18% above the highest of any month of the seven years of his pastorate that was not affected by special services such as Easter. Financial receipts were larger in 1937 than previously, and all obligations were met at the time of the annual meeting.

BERKELEY, NORTH. With the cooperation of men of the church, the kitchen has been painted and improved.. The annual Daffodil Tea was held by the women's organization. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, is arranging for Sunday evening services prior to Easter.

FRESNO, ZION. Twenty-two members were added during the year. The young people are showing splendid enthusiasm, and a new Sunday school superintendent has taken over the work with vigor. Rev. J. N. Sauer is pastor.

ADIN. At last the rural electrification project is definitely under way, with poles being set and lines strung. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, pastor, has been very active in bringing about this much needed community improvement. Schools have been closed because of illness.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey has put in a busy two months getting acquainted with this far-flung field. Young people's work in both Murphys and Angels Camp is showing increased interest. Sunday school is being re-established at Sheep Ranch. Sound financial conditions were revealed at the annual meetings of the churches. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey were absent a large part of one week in order to be in attendance at the ordination of their son, Paul Dickey, who has recently become pastor of the Park Rose Church in Portland, Ore.

ALAMEDA. The church has changed its fiscal year which necessitated a postponement of the annual meeting until April, but a pot luck supper was served on February 2 at which informal reports were given by the different officers and chairmen, all showing splendid activity in the life of the church. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, was the commencement speaker at the graduating class of the Alameda High School, the first time in years that an Alameda man has been chosen for that honor.

REDWOOD CITY. The annual meeting revealed that expenses of the church had been fully met and more. The various groups had cooperated effectively in the activities of the church. New officers were elected. Seventy-two members had been received into membership during the Diamond Jubilee Year, of whom 32 came from the Sunday School. There were 31 baptisms. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

STOCKTON. At the annual meeting it was reported that all indebtedness had been cared for and that the church holds $300 toward the erection of a new sanctuary. Both membership and attendance in all departments had gained. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. The pastor, Rev. V. H. Yessayan, is conducting a Bible class for senior young people, which is well attended and meeting a distinct need. A choir of 18 young people is assisting at the morning service.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

The Fifteenth anuual meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, which met in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on January 13 and 14, and having as its theme for meditation, "For all the oil that has been poured into my life I desire to return a glorious flame," was well planned, well attended (nearly 250 at the luncheon), and well entertained.

Thursday's meeting was greatly enriched by the presence and words of three American Board missionaries. Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum, told of the great progress made by Turkey since they went to the field 47 years ago; how the Gospel is permeating the Mohammedan world, and especially Turkey, in a most remarkable way, and how greatly our continued work is needed there. Miss Valley Nelson, on furolugh from China, where she worked in Lintsing and Tehchow with Dr. Alma Cooke, expects to return to China in April.

CHURCH SPEAKS OUT

Nearly 100 were at the Fellowship Dinner, at which Supt. Harley H. Gill gave a very strong address on "The Church of Christ Speaks Out." At the Oxford Conference, the church had many things to say to many folk: (1) Addressing dictators and totalitarianism, the church announces that the State stands under God's judgment; that it is God who declares what belongs to Caesar, that for any education, worth the name, truth is supreme; and, although the claims of totalitarianism captivate youth, the only totalitarianism which the church can sanction is the totalitarianism of Christ. (2) The church answers Communism. Oxford sees in religion, not opium nor sugar, but salt. Christianity is the truth about life, and the church stands for the dignity of the individual and the conviction that man is of eternal worth. (3) The church speaks to Humanists, saying that humanism is the religion of self-glorification, and that rationalistic humanism is the prodigal son setting forth. (4) The real theme of Oxford is the life and death struggle between the church and secularist philosophy or practice. The restoration of the dignity of man is based on his relationship to God. (5) To Mars, the god of war, the church proclaims: "War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth." Recognizing that in the event of war a conflict of duties is inevitable, the church should honor its members' conscientious decisions, whether they are led to participate in or to abstain from war, and should maintain with both alike the full fellowship of the Body of Christ. Nevertheless, the condemnation of war stands. (6) To race discrimination the church declares itself a supra-racial fellowship, standing for the equal worth of all races before the Father of all. (7) The church is a supra-class fellowship, against class distinction, and concerned with men not as economic men but as children of God. (8)To the injustices of the economic order the church preaches the obligation to love one's neighbor as one's self. (9) The church speaks to the church regarding its own shortcomings, regarding its opportunity and its obligation to make the unity of the church its chief concern.

In her annual message our Federation President, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, asked us to make this year, 1938, a "creative year," setting as our goals: (1) to get rid of spiritual encumbrances, (2) to make definite plans for our work, taking the long view of it, (3) to work for better church attendance, (4) to put greater emphasis on a stronge devotional program, (5) to support a strong educational program both for youth and adults, (6) to make a concerted effort to interest the younger women in the church program, (7) to seek, through our programs, to give every woman a philosophy that ties her life pattern with the fundamental values of life, and (8) to stand behind our Thank Offering, our Plan of Advance, our World Service.

PROGRESS ITEMS

The annual meeting reports of Associational presidents and departmental officers were revealing glimpses of our women at work, building the church of God with consecration and sacrifice, using many materials and various methods yet with a similarity of design furnished by the Federation calendar of activities and the program of suggestions, and with a central powerhouse of planned devotionals used by nearly all groups. The Federation reading list was used by some groups, noticeably Tulare, Sacramento, Antioch, but it needs greater publicity and attention. All Associations held one rally last year, and Redwood Empire held two. Local church support took first place in all groups, with undergirding of church, Sunday School, Young People's work. Benevolence quotas, pastors' salaries, etc., Campbell's church debt paid off, Redwood City's fine kitchen equipment, the new $1000 furnace installed by Santa Cruz women and all paid but $100, are concrete instances. Means of raising money were varied and sometimes novel: carnival, bazaar; Harvest Home; many rummage sales; serving lunches and dinners to local service clubs (Benicia and Sunnyvale). Much work was done for the needy of the community.

To the migrant work went money, clothes, and toys from many churches, outstanding among them being Alameda, which sent 176 Christmas gifts, and Lodi, which sent 150 toys, 3 cartons of clothing, and $15.

The Modoc Indians were remembered with warm clothing sent from many churches; as were also Rev. James Salmon's needy people in Trinity County.

Social Welfare quotas, larger than usual, were sent to 67 groups, and only 5 were unfilled. Sixty have been completed and two partially filled, while six groups asked for additional assignments.

Home Mission quotas totaled $999.79; Foreign Mission quotas $395.09; grand total $1,394.88. These totals show an increase over those of the two previous years.

Our Thank Offering, to which 42 churches contributed, was $1,347.52, which is $144.92 more than last year, and over-reaches this year's goal of $1,300. Oakland, First Church, giving $175.00, outdistanced all others. $720 will go to Mr. Salmon in Trinity County, $325 to Dr. Leonard Wilbur in Taiku, China, and $250 to the Children's Project at Grace United Church, San Francisco.

Suggestive is the account of Palo Alto's study of the Negro, climaxed by an evening meeting with an all-Negro program, a young man from the Gold Coast of Africa as speaker and musical numbers from local Negroes. A collection and personal gifts resulted in their giving $50 to the local Negro church, $25 to Negro work in Africa, and $25 to Negro work in the South. It is interesting also that Fresno, Pilgrim group (Armenian) gave $50 toward the tuition of a theological student in Shemlan, Syria. Noteworthy are the 425 calls made last year by Mother Whitman of Alameda church, who is over 80 years old. All of which proves the truth of our Federation President's reiterated statement: "Women can do what they will if they will do what they can."

THE PACIFIC GAINS

Increasingly churches are finding **The Pacific** to be of value. San Francisco Calvary Church has sent in ten new subscriptions and Oakland Bethany, five. Our American churches follow the lead of our Armenian friends in this worth while enterprise.

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SPIRITUAL OR FINANCIAL?

An internationally known Christian—a Congregationalist—writes: "I feel that the depression is a spiritual one rather than a financial one and I would to God that we might get a new grip on the spirit—or, rather, that it might get a new grip on us! We are TOO well educated, TOO refined, TOO cultured, TOO restrained, know too much, too much afraid of being regarded as superstitious or fanatical. These qualities, which we call virtues, are paralyzing our religious life. If we had nothing to be proud of, God would have a better chance at us."

C. S. A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

The Conference Committee on Social Action recommends that our pastors and churches participate in organizing peace councils in their respective towns or counties, and that every effort be made to secure attendance at the Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College this summer. Pastors are also urged to report to the Conference office problems in their several communities on which they need advice, and also efforts which are being made for the solution of such problems.

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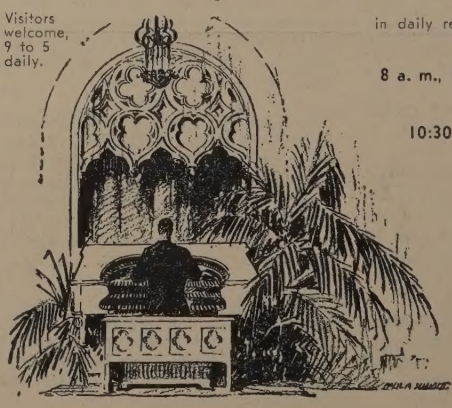

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